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Bristol Bay in the News: May 23, 2011

The Pacific Northwest documentary "Salmon: Running the Gauntlet" showed us what it takes to restore a salmon fishery – time, patience, skilled people, hard work, and lots of tax payer dollars. Dams and development changed the course of these waterways, forever shrinking the salmon that returned home each year to spawn. The imminent danger of major development now makes Bristol Bay rivers one of America's "most endangered" according to American Rivers.

Alaskans continue to fight locally, the massive development of Pebble. This week enough signatures were gathered in Lake and Peninsula Boroughs for an initiative on the October ballot. Art Hackney with Alaskans for Bristol Bay led the way for the 'Save Our Salmon' initiative. "The people of Bristol Bay are vindicated because they've said very clearly that they don't want this mine," Hackney said. "It will impact their way of life and they're scared to death for what it would mean for a future of certain harm to salmon."

As the sportfishers gear up for a promising season in snowmelts up and down the Rockies or Alaska, a reminder to help make a difference in this fight. Help protect the thousands of jobs and millions of dollars the Bristol Bay watershed produces. You can do your part by 'liking' the [Save Bristol Bay Facebook](#) or donating to [Save Bristol Bay](#). Take a stand for hard-working Alaskans, protecting their economic and cultural way of life.

Here's a weekly roundup of media. For more information, see www.SaveBristolBay.org

'Save Our Salmon' Initiative Gathers Signatures

Jason Lamb

KTUU

Today, the group Alaskans for Bristol Bay announced that it has gathered enough signatures for a local

ballot measure that the group says could put the brakes on the proposed Pebble Mine... [Click here to read more](#)

The Big Issue: Losing America's last Great Wild Fishery

Ted Willimas

Fly Rod n' Reel

As we gear up for the summer fishing season, it's easy to forget about the big issues. We're focused on checking our gear. We're watching water levels as record snows in the Rockies flood the rivers, promising hold-onto-your-hat salmon-fly and stone-fly seasons. We're watching the promising early numbers in the Pacific Northwest as spring Chinook... [Click here to read more](#)

Water woes: USA's top 10 most endangered rivers

Doyle Rice

USA Today

Just as the nation's most famous river is undergoing historic and potentially catastrophic flooding, the environmental group American Rivers has come out with its annual top 10 list of the USA's "most endangered" rivers... [Click here to read more](#)

Pictures: America's Top 10 Endangered Rivers

National Geographic

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Nuna vs. Nunamta in Southwest Showdown

Andrew Jensen

Alaska Journal of Commerce

A nonprofit organization formed by several Alaska Native village corporation executives to counter the opponents of Pebble mine is raising its profile and drawing the fire that comes with it. Nuna Resources was formed in September 2010 with financing it sought from the Pebble Limited Partnership and has been ramping up its activities lately... [Click here to read more](#)

Bristol Bay Rivers Endangered by the Pebble Mine

Joel Reynolds

Switchboard NRDC

Thanks to American Rivers ("AR") for its latest recognition that the survival of the Kvichak and Nushagak Rivers lies squarely in the cross-hairs of the Pebble Partnership and its proposal to build a mega-mine at the headwaters of the Bristol Bay watershed in southwest Alaska... [Click here to read more](#)

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